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August 31, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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Dear Eric:

I can't recall meeting you, but have ~~been~~ your name mentioned many times in various numismatic articles and publications. Morey Perlmuter had suggested that I write to you, and that you are ~~warking~~ on, or are interested in compiling, a bibliography of all counterfeit detectors ever issued.

I suggested this idea to Morey, since I am interested in seeing ~~such~~ a compilation made, and while I don't know how much I'll be able to contribute, I am all for the idea. Just how far along are you on the idea or project? Do you plan to include everything that was in Dillistin's book, or include just everything after it?

It would appear that this is one area that much research needs to be done on, in that so little information seems to be available about many of the counterfeit detectors, and also that many of the detectors have become very scarce. I've got a number of suggestions about what might be included, and I'll help if I can. I also have some ideas of who else might be able to help on the project. I have the recent catalog of the George Fuld Library by Katens, and from ~~theat~~ saw a number of detectors that were before unknown to me. That might be used as a start, or at least an aid.

One I think I'd like to ask you - do you know Lynn Glaser of Philadelphia, who wrote COUNTERFEITING IN AMERICA: THE HISTORY OF AN AMERICAN WAY TO WEALTH, published in 1968? I wrote him but ~~didn't~~ get an answer. Apparently he's not active or a member of any major numismatic organization. I'd like to know more about him.

I'll be looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Larry Adams*  
Larry Adams

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P.S. I might add that one of my main interests <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ questioned documents, and while counterfeit detection as such is not often the subject of study in this area, it is very much related to it, and has sometimes been the subject of discussion. I might add that much work needs to be done in bringing the two closer together.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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September 3, 1971

Mr. Larry Adams  
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Boone, Iowa 50036

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for your nice letter of August 31, 1971.

I am compiling information on Heath Counterfeit Detectors and contemplate writing an article on that subject. I have no thought, at this time, of including a compilation of all counterfeit detectors or even those after the period covered by William Dillistin. I will be delighted to have any help on the Heath project from you or from anyone else. I cannot find that Laban Heath has ever been written up before and wonder if you have heard of it.

I do know Lynn Glaser and he has worked his way through college by numismatic writing. I think he is more interested in reworking existing writing and research done by others than engaging in original research.

I attended the Katen auction of the George Fuld library and acquired a few items there.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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November 5, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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Dear Mr. Newman:

Just recently I obtained a copy of PRELIMINARY INVENTORIES OF THE RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE (Record Group 87) a revision of Preliminary Inventory No. 16 - compiled by Lyle J. Holverstott and Forrest R. Holdcamper, May, 1965.

It has listings of Secret Service Archives in it, and if you might want to look them over sometime, this tells what they have. No charge for this - request from Civil Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C. 20408.

For your information and consideration, I am enclosing information about CCRT, which has been active in creating interest in checks and related financial documents since its inception in late 1969. No doubt you have been interested in these items right along, since many of us have accumulated them and are starting to realize their numismatic and historic interest and value. We've been able to publish some interesting material, and bring out many facts for the first time in these areas. I have been quite active in this group.

Sincerely yours,

*Larry Adams*  
Larry Adams

## CHECK COLLECTORS ROUND TABLE CONTINUES TO GROW

Check Collectors Round Table is now nearing the end of its second year of operation. Its quarterly publication, THE CHECK LIST, continues to be enthusiastically received by members. According to Robert Flaig, founder of C.C.R.T., almost ninety percent of the original membership renewed their affiliation and members are consistently being added to the roster.

Check Collectors Round Table is an active group of collectors who are interested in the collecting, preservation and research of old and new bank checks, stock and bond certificates, engravings, vignettes and related banking material. Old checks represent history in our hands and many can be related to such historical events as the Gold Rush, first chartered banks, Civil War, depressions, historical figures, frontier bankers, etc. Counter checks are fast disappearing and the current fad of mod and pictorial checks will not be with us forever; the time for preserving these items is now while they are in abundant supply.

Paper money collectors will find a relationship between their collecting interests and checks in that both, in some cases, were printed by the same printer, signed by the same bank officers, printed in a manner to hinder counterfeiting, contain beautiful vignettes, have the same bank name printed on them and spell out in what specie (gold, silver, current funds) they are redeemable or payable.

Stamp collectors find many of the old checks, issued during the Civil War and Spanish American War, contain revenue stamps which were printed on or were applied to checks and other banking documents. The historian, researcher, bank material collector, and general Americana collector all find checks and bank related paper of extreme interest. Autograph collectors will find a very natural relationship between their collecting interests and checks, as a number of checks bear autographs and signatures of famous persons. Also, many check collectors are also interested in documents and other forms of related Americana.

Members of Check Collectors Round Table are active in trading, buying and selling as well as exchanging information between one another. This exchange of material and information continues to stimulate new interest. A continuing number of members in C.C.R.T. are sharing their knowledge and new information with all members, in articles submitted to THE CHECK LIST. A goodly number of the past issues contain an actual check  
(continued on reverse)

in lieu of an illustration which is incorporated in the article.

Titles of articles that have appeared in past and recent issues of THE CHECK LIST are: Check Protection - Mechanical and Otherwise, Samuel T. Hauser - Banker - Governor, Why Collect Checks - Checks Can Tell an Interesting Story, River Bank is Biggest West of the Mississippi, Crossed Checks, First Bank In Fort Madison, Iowa, The Pikes Peak National Bank, Holladay Overland and Mail Express Co., Ration Checks, Trade Unions in The Banking Field, Wheeling Banking History, Check Reference Material, Vignettes - Allegorical Figures and Things Like That. Some of the titles in the current issue are: Silver Bonanza At Austin, "Embossed" Notes For The Beginner, The Printing Process, Wells Fargo Bank, U.S. Revenue Stamped Paper, A Check For The Blind and Protectu Check, Early Checks By State and The New York City "Ten" (National Banks).

Increased interest in check collecting is documented by the fact a number of members of C.C.R.T. have reported giving programs about checks at their local numismatic club. An additional number of members have also reported displaying check exhibits in banks and other places of business. One member reported winning a trophy for the Most Educational Exhibit at a recent show in Iowa.

Check Collecting is an accepted part of numismatics and Check Collectors Round Table is a club member of the American Numismatic Association.

All persons who are interested in this growing, exciting field are invited to join Check Collectors Round Table. Dues are presently \$3.50 which include the quarterly publication, THE CHECK LIST and a membership roster. Foreign - outside Canada/U.S.A. add \$2.00 U.S. funds. Application forms available from Robert Flaig, P.O. Box 27112, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

APPLICATION - CHECK COLLECTORS ROUND TABLE

I hereby make application for membership in CHECK COLLECTORS ROUND TABLE and enclose herewith \$3.50 for one years dues which includes four issues of THE CHECK LIST.  
Add \$1.50 for First Class Mail delivery of The Check List.

Name (Mr., Miss, Mrs.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address - Street, P.O., etc. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

From what source did you learn of C.C.R.T? \_\_\_\_\_

LARRY ADAMS

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# CHECK COLLECTORS ROUND TABLE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please print or use typewriter.

NOTE: While the word "check" is used throughout, it is intended to include drafts, bills of exchange, certificates of deposit, gold dust receipts and other similar bank material.

YOUR NAME & \_\_\_\_\_ Check one (Optional)  
 MAILING (Mr., Miss, Mrs.) \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: Under 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ 20 to 40 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip # \_\_\_\_\_ over 40 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you collected checks and/or related material? \_\_\_\_\_

Other collecting interests (e.g. stamps, coins, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

For each category below, please fill in a "P" if it is a Primary Interest, an "S" if it is of secondary interest, a "Z" if no interest.

____ Checks of the first chartered banks.	____ Checks of Western States.
____ Checks of other banks dated prior to 1862.	____ Checks with tax paid revenue stamps, adhesive or imprinted
____ Checks dated between 1862 & WWI	____ Checks with postage and/or other unauthorized stamps used to pay tax.
____ Checks dated WWI to date	____ Checks showing photoduplicating practices.
____ Current, unused checks & counter checks.	____ Proof checks.
____ Checks in sheet form.	____ Checks with signatures of famous people-(autographs)

Are you interested in checks of a particular geographical area (city, state, region, foreign? Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a (Dealer)? \_\_\_\_\_, (Collector)? \_\_\_\_\_

Other special interests not covered above: \_\_\_\_\_

Use reverse side of this sheet for additional information or comments.

## PLEASE RECORD YOUR CHOICE:

I authorize my name and address and special interests in check collecting and other interests to be published in the quarterly -  
 THE CHECK LIST (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish my name and address published in THE CHECK LIST:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Robert Flaig, P.O. Box 27112, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

November 9, 1971

Dear Mr. Adams,

Thank you for inviting me to  
join the Check Collectors Round Table.  
Unfortunately, I am spread thin enough  
and must confine my interests to pure  
numismatics.

Sincerely,

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN



LARRY ADAMS  
NUMISMATIST - HISTORIAN - RESEARCHER  
CHECKS - DOCUMENTS - CURRENCY - BOOKS

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October 6, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the information on the Heath patents. I really enjoyed your program in Keokuk - the best I've ever heard.

Here's the paper on Mexican counterfeits. I attended the meeting in Houston, although Mr. Mora was not present. Copies of the paper were distributed. This is an extra, so you can keep it for your files.

Also am enclosing a recent "counterfeit detector" for your library. It was made available to stock brokers recently due to the increase in counterfeit certificates. I don't think many numismatists know about it yet.

Sincerely yours,

*Larry Adams*  
Larry Adams

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

October 18, 1972

Mr. Larry Adams  
969 Park Circle  
Boone, Iowa 50036

Dear Larry:

Thank you for your nice remark about my talk in  
Keokuk. I was glad to meet you and talk to you.

I received and carefully read the items you sent  
to me on counterfeit matters and they are certainly frightening.

Keep up your enthusiasm.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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May 17, 1979

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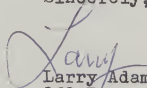
Dear Eric,

Assume you saw the announcement in COIN WORLD about Murray Bloom as the SPMC speaker in Memphis. I've had correspondence with him, and he advises he was in touch with you on his earlier books. I hope you are planning to be there, as I think you will enjoy his presentation and visting with him.

Enjoyed your article in the April NUMISMATIST on "forgeries". Recall that you were working up an article about Laban Heath. Did you ever get it finished?

Hope to see you im Memphis. I plan to arrive on Thursday for the SPMC Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Adams  
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March 20, 1979

NEWS RELEASE

AUTHOR MURRAY BLOOM TO ADDRESS MEMPHIS SPMC BANQUET

Murray Teigh Bloom, author of *MONEY OF THEIR OWN* (1957), and *MAN WHO STOLE PORTUGAL* (1966), will be the guest speaker at the Society of Paper Money Collectors evening banquet Saturday June 16 at the Holiday Inn-Riverview Hotel, 200 W. Georgia Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, to be held in conjunction with the Memphis Coin Club 3rd International Paper Money Show, June 15-17. Banquet tickets will be available from SPMC Board Members in Memphis.

Mr. Bloom, of Great Neck, New York, who has traveled extensively in writing his two books on counterfeiters, will speak on his interesting experiences in writing these books. He has been a professional writer since 1939, and has written six books and one play, and over 600 magazine articles. Other books of his include the best selling book *THE TROUBLE WITH LAWYERS* (1968), *ROGUES TO RICHES: THE TROUBLE WITH WALL STREET* (1973), and a novel, *THE 13th MAN* (1977), soon to be made into a movie. Murray Bloom is one of three founders and a past-president of what is now the largest organization in the U.S. of professional free-lance writers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors.

The Society of Paper Money Collectors had its beginnings in the 1960 Boston ANA Convention, when a group of paper money collectors met informally and agreed that a national organization would be desirable. The next year, an organization of collectors of tokens, medals, and paper money was formed. At the 1961 Atlanta ANA Convention, the two groups split, forming the SPMC and Token and Medal Society, which is still going strong.

The Society has about 2,300 members, most of them residing in the U.S. and Canada, but with some foreign representation. Among the many benefits of SPMC is a quality bimonthly publication, PAPER MONEY, which features excellent articles on all aspects of paper money by the top experts in the field.

The Society has also published a number of books on the obsolete notes and scrip of several states, including Texas, Florida, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Vermont. Also a book on the National Bank Notes of 1929-1935. All of the books except the Vermont work are in print and available from the Society. SPMC members may purchase the books at considerable discount.

Dues are \$10 a year for both junior and regular memberships. Members who join the Society prior to October 1 receive the magazines already published for that year, as well as those afterwards. For those joining after October 1, and before the end of the year, their magazine subscription begins with the next year, and the November issue is added as a bonus.

For further information on membership and benefits, paper money collectors are urged to write Harry G. Wigington, P.O. Box 4082, Harrisburg, Pa. 17111. Museums, libraries, and banks are also invited to join the Society.

Additional information about the Memphis Coin Club International Paper Money Show can be obtained by writing Mike Crabb, P.O. Box 17871, Memphis, Tennessee 38117.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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May 21, 1979

Mr. Larry Adams  
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Dear Larry:

Thank you for mentioning the forgery article. It is just the tip of the iceberg I am sorry to say. It was fascinating working on those items.

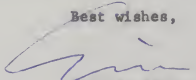
As to the Laban Heath matter, I have finished my basic study of his books. Since I usually work on several subjects at a time I never can be sure when I will finish up. You have at least stimulated me to get going as it seems like an interesting subject because of the vigorous enthusiasm for paper money books.

I am not as yet definite about the Memphis show. I will be delighted to see you if I can plan to come. Were you responsible for getting Murray Bloom to speak at Memphis, as it was a great idea. He did write me recently as well as many years ago and he really has a devotion to numismatic thrillers.

I am to be the speaker at the SPMC banquet at the ANA in St. Louis, and at first I felt he should have been instead. However, he should draw a larger audience in Memphis.

Keep up your steady devotion to Numismatics.

Best wishes,



Eric P. Newman

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Draft signed by F. E. Spinner, Treasurer of the U. S. 1861-1875

## Larry Adams

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Membership Secretary  
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Dear Eric,

May 19, 1980

Have had this article by Robert Batchelder ready to send you for some time. It appeared last summer in MANUSCRIPTS. Hope you like it.

Have been busy with SPMC programs, and am looking forward to Memphis. Hope to see you there.

I taped Murray Bloom's talk last year at Memphis, and transcribed it - it finally appeared in PAPER MONEY # 86. Am looking forward to his new book this fall.

Regards,

*Larry*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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May 22, 1980

Mr. Larry Adams  
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Boone, Iowa 50036

Dear Mr. Adams:

I appreciate very much your sending me the article by Robert Batchelder. You were the first one to call it to my attention. I wonder if you would be nice enough to ask Manuscripts magazine to send me an original of the Summer 1979 for my library. If there is a cost, of course, tell them to advise me.

I read Murray Bloom's talk very carefully and I am looking forward to reading his new book.

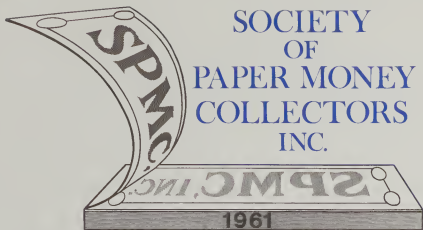
I doubt if I will be in Memphis, but will be there in spirit in any event.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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March 11, 1982

Eric P. Newman  
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St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric,

As program chairman for SPMC, I am working up plans for Memphis and ANA.

Although I know you were speaker at ANA in 1979 - I'm wondering if you might consider Memphis this year. We will have a breakfast on June 19. One of your pet projects has been Laban Heath and his counterfeit detectors, and I would to think this story could be told. From time to time I see bits and pieces (like in EPJ by Dr. Jackson), but very little about Heath and who he was and just what motivated him.

I have been in touch with Murray Bloom, and have been helping with information. Viking backed out on his book, and it is scheduled to come out in late summer, 1982 by BNR Press. They are also going to reprint his other two books; I remember MONEY OF THEIR OWN was listed as one of the top 25 by COIN WORLD a while back.

Best wishes,

*Larry Adams*  
Larry Adams,  
Vice-President

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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May 19, 1982

Larry Adams  
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Dear Larry:

It was nice of you to ask me to speak at Memphis on June 19, 1982. I cannot make it because I have a trial set for that period in which I will be the principal witness. If there is a definite change I will contact you.

Heath would be an excellent topic and lots of fun to talk about. I have slides covering some of the interesting features of the books.

The Murray Bloom trials and tribulations do not surprise me, as publishers are running scared regardless of intentions to publish. The reprints of his first two books sound very speculative to me if any royalties have to be paid on them. He is a superb writer of fascinating tales.

My very kindest regards to you

Cordially

Eric